

We claim:

1 1. A method for managing presentation of a computer-based slide show, comprising the
2 steps of:

3 portraying at least some of a plurality of slides as a sequential arrangement of
4 corresponding cells visually depicting slide data in a summary view in a
5 graphical user interface;

6 furnishing time data describing said presentation of said slide show in said
7 summary view; and

8 selecting at least one of said slides for display in said graphical user interface.

1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein said slides are stored in a file.

1 3. The method of claim 1 wherein said sequential arrangement of corresponding cells is
2 substantially vertically oriented on a left portion of said graphical user interface.

1 4. The method of claim 1 wherein said sequential arrangement of corresponding cells is
2 substantially horizontally oriented on a bottom portion of said graphical user interface.

1 5. The method of claim 1 wherein said cells visually depict said slide data using at least
2 one of: colors, highlighted outlines, shading patterns.

1 6. The method of claim 1 wherein said slide data includes at least one of: which of said
2 slides is currently displayed in said graphical user interface, a slide number, which of
3 said slides has been displayed for more than a predetermined duration, which of said
4 slides is a critical slide, which of said slides is an example slide, which of said slides is a
5 hidden slide.

1 7. The method of claim 1 wherein said slide data includes which of said slides has an
2 enhancement portion including at least one of: a multimedia document, an animation, a
3 hyperlink, an audio file.

1 8. The method of claim 1 wherein said time data includes at least one of: an allotted
2 presentation time for said slide show, an elapsed time for said slide show, a remaining
3 time for said slide show, a total display time for each of said slides, a remaining display
4 time for each of said slides according to a predetermined schedule.

1 9. The method of claim 1 comprising the further step of updating an allotted display
2 time for each of said slides being as yet undisplayed, based on a remaining time for said
3 slide show and a count of said undisplayed slides.

1 10. The method of claim 1 comprising the further step of saving said time data to a log
2 file.

1 17. The method of claim 1 comprising the further step of warning a presenter when a
2 time limit is approaching by performing at least one of these additional steps: changing a
3 color of a visual indicator, flashing said visual indicator, triggering an audible signal,
4 triggering a tactile signal.

1 18. The method of claim 17 wherein said tactile signal is generated by at least one of: a
2 vibrational bracelet, a vibrational necklace, a vibrational pager.

1 19. The method of claim 1 wherein a hierarchy of said sequential arrangements enables
2 depiction of an increased number of said slides.

1 20. The method of claim 1 wherein a presenter keystroke triggers generation of said
2 summary view and another presenter keystroke triggers removal of said summary view.

1 21. The method of claim 1 wherein said summary view portrays a thumbnail version of a
2 brushed slide corresponding to a brushed cell.

1 22. The method of claim 21 wherein a selection of said brushed cell corresponding to
2 said brushed slide causes said brushed slide to be displayed in said graphical user
3 interface.

1 23. The method of claim 22 wherein said selection of said brushed cell corresponding to
2 said brushed slide causes removal of said summary view.

1 24. The method of claim 22 wherein if said brushed slide is not a next slide in said
2 sequential arrangement then said summary view places a jump marker at a departure
3 slide.

1 25. The method of claim 24 wherein a presenter keystroke returns navigation to said
2 departure slide causing said departure slide to be displayed and another presenter
3 keystroke returns navigation to said brushed slide causing said brushed slide to be
4 displayed.

1 26. The method of claim 1 wherein said slides are cached for faster display.

1 27. The method of claim 1 wherein at least one thumbnail version of at least one
2 previous slide and at least one subsequent slide are displayed in said graphical user
3 interface in response to a presenter keystroke.

1 28. A system for managing presentation of a computer-based slide show, comprising:
2 a computer including a cpu, an internal memory, a data storage device, an input
3 device; and
4 a display device, for portraying at least some of a plurality of slides as a
5 sequential arrangement of corresponding cells visually depicting slide data
6 in a summary view in a graphical user interface,
7 wherein said summary view furnishes time data describing said presentation and
8 wherein at least one of said slides is selected for display in said graphical
9 user interface using said input device.

1 29. A system for managing presentation of a computer-based slide show, comprising:
2 means for portraying at least some of a plurality of slides as a sequential
3 arrangement of corresponding cells visually depicting slide data in a
4 summary view in a graphical user interface;
5 means for furnishing time data describing said presentation of said slide show in
6 said summary view; and
7 means for selecting at least one of said slides for display in said graphical user
8 interface.

1 30. A computer program product comprising a machine-readable medium having
2 computer-executable program instructions thereon including:
3 a first code means for portraying at least some of a plurality of slides as a
4 sequential arrangement of corresponding cells visually depicting slide data
5 in a summary view in a graphical user interface;
6 a second code means for furnishing time data describing said presentation of said
7 slide show in said summary view; and
8 a third code means for selecting at least one of said slides for display in said
9 graphical user interface.